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Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1973

Whereas counting of votes polled for General Election to Lok Sabha 2024 is scheduled to be held on 04-06-2024 to the Assembly Constituencies in the North Goa District at Government Polytechnic College, Altinho, Panaji-Goa from 08.00 a.m. onwards;

And whereas it is essential to conduct the counting of votes polled for General Election to Lok Sabha 2024 in a free and fair manner and to maintain public peace, order and tranquility as per provisions of Law and Model Code of Conduct which had come into effect from 16-03-2024;

And whereas it has been observed in the past that political disputes, confrontation and violence start on the eve of the counting of votes mainly due to misuse of Hotels, Restaurants, Tea Shops, Pan Shops and other food shops/joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc.,

which exists within 100 meters radius of the counting centre thereby creating law and order problems;

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit the serving, in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed and therefore, under the powers vested in me under sub-section (2) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 I hereby pass the order ex-parte;

Now therefore, I, Sneha S. Gitte, IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa District, in exercise of the powers vested in me under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 do hereby order that on the day of the counting of votes viz. from 06:00 hrs. of 04-06-2024 till the end of counting of votes at Government Polytechnic College, Altinho, Panaji-Goa, all Hotels, Restaurants, Establishments, Bars, Tea shops, Pan shops, Eateries and other Food shops/joints (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., within 100 meters radius of the counting centre shall remain closed to avoid their misuse and to prevent any gathering of crowd and any Law & Order problem.

Failure to comply with this order shall be liable for penal action under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code and other relevant provisions of laws in force.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 27th day of May, 2024.

Panaji.— The District Magistrate & DEO (North),
Dr. *Sneha S. Gitte*, IAS.

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